

Dear Sir

Sep 30 1765 Granville
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I have been this Day honoured with your Letter of the 27th Ins^t, and after communicating it to Colleton who goes from hence tomorrow, we agreed to write to our joint Friend, Drax in the most pressing Terms, as a Letter which I received from Him by the last Post expresses great Hopes that nothing will arise to call Him to London on the 17th, and a strong Disposition to remain where He is. Mr. Jarrett Smith has been very ill since you saw Him, and I much fear will not be persuaded to venture so soon upon a London-Journey. I shall however try every Thing in my Power with Him.

I have communicated the News you sent me
to Sir Charles Mordaunt's son, without naming
you as the Author, lest the best should expect
a Letter from yourself. He will be written to
by Tomorrow's Post. But his son tells me that
He believes his Father will not think of a
Journey to Town before Christmas. I much fear
this will be the case of many whom you would
wish to see there sooner. I called upon Lord
Carnarvon, but not finding Him at Home
shall repeat my visit. He has opened Himself to
me not at all favorably to the present Admin-
istration, but has gone no further. Further of
Weymouth has been much more explicit, altho
I am not much acquainted with Him. He is now
gone thither, and will, I believe, attend upon a
summons, if you should write to Him. He told me
as much before his Departure. Colleton will call upon

all his friends. I writ you a long letter which Lord Waldegrave was to have delivered, but having deferred his journey for a Day, I put it into the Hands of an other, who falling ill on the road has sent it me back here. It contained an Account of an Attempt made to procure a Petition from Bristol for a repeal of the Stamp-Duties. I immediately writ to my principal friends there to assemble as many as They could on any Day the most convenient to them, when I would attend to deliver my Thoughts on that important Subject; and I further added that I would go with as many as I could prevail upon to accompany me, from House to House to solicit their Disapprobation of so pernicious a measure, which could only serve to foment Disaffection in America into Rebellion, and, if it succeeded in Parliament, would annihilate the Sovereignty of Great Britain over her Colonies. I was exceedingly surprised next Day by a Deputation,

W^m Nugent

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R. Nugent to Geo. Grenville

with the mayor at their Head, to assure me I might rest satisfied that such a Proposition as I apprehended would find no Abettors worthy of Notice, and that my Appearance would imply a Diffidence of my Constituents injurious to Them upon a Subject where no wise and honest men could differ in opinion. They therefore insisted that I should keep their coming to me upon this occasion a secret, and that I should leave the whole to Them. I approved their Delicacy for the Honour of their fellow-Citizens, and have concerted measures to prevent a surprise if an Attempt should be made by Jeeves the Quaker, who is now master of the merchants' Hall, to set the seal of that Corporation to a Petition in a thin Assembly. I hope and believe Jeeves will not be persuaded to attempt it. But He is now in London, and has I believe been called thither with a view to gain Him over. you will smile at the Importance of my Bristol-Politics. But in the scale of Things Bristol is to me what the whole is to you. I shall make a visit thither and be in London the 15th most affect^{ly} of
10th Sep - 30th 1765. S. Nugent.